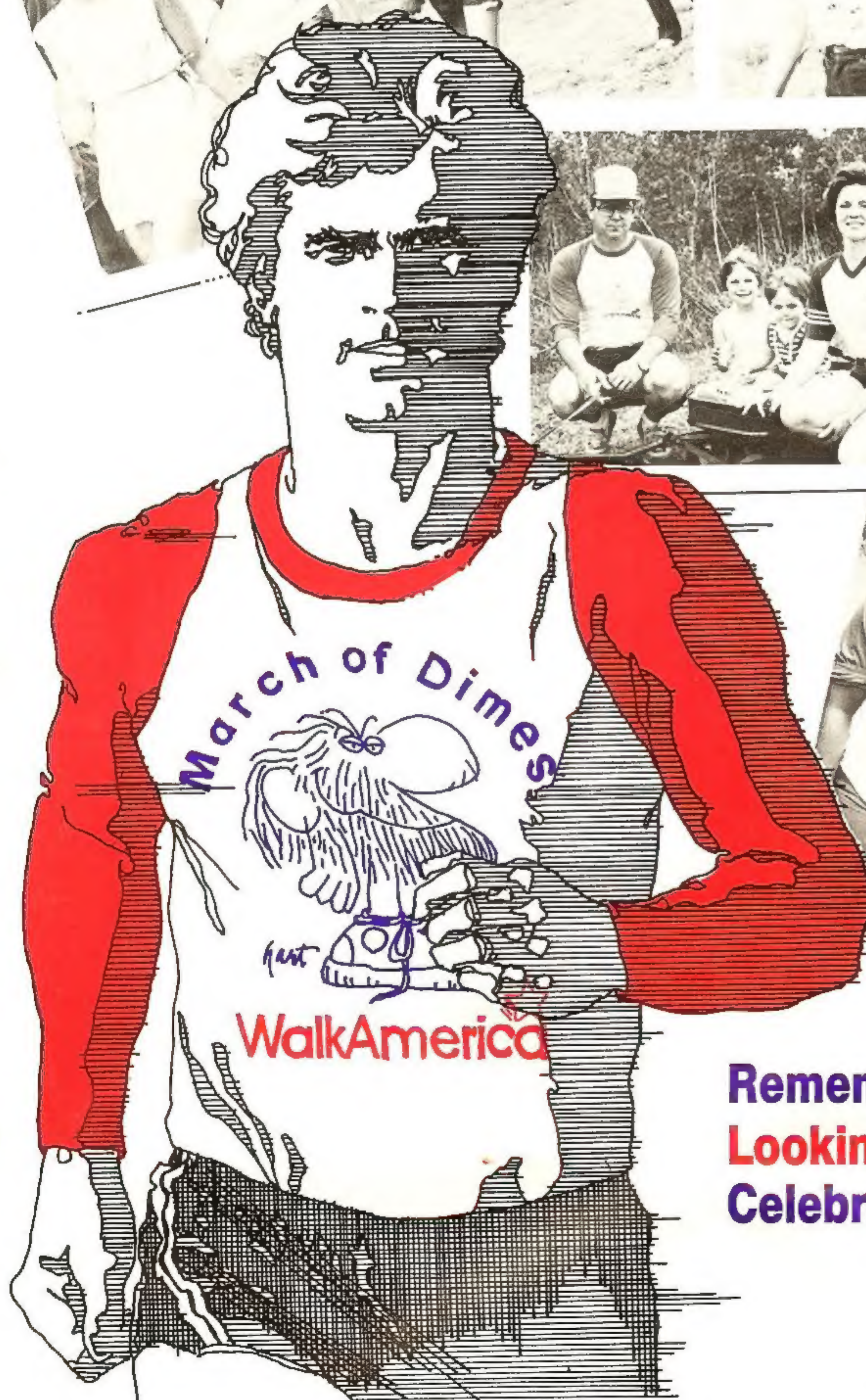


# PLAIN TALKS

June  
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Remembering four decades  
Looking ahead  
Celebrating service



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## THE COVER

**H**undreds of Gulf Staters, family and friends joined in what is becoming a tradition for GSU employees, the annual March of Dimes WalkAmerica. This year's teamwork raised thousands of dollars for the fight against birth defects. The story and two pages of photos begin on page 10. Cover photos by Susan Gilley.

Mr. J.E. Moss  
Gulf States Utilities  
Baton Rouge, La.

Dear Mr. Moss:

The East Feliciana Gas Utility District No. 2 recently experienced a total natural gas outage, affecting nearly 1,000 customers. This office requested and received assistance from Mr. Floyd Marston, operating gas superintendent within your company. Mr. Marston dispatched several GSU personnel to the affected area and through their efforts the gas system was quickly and safely returned to service.

I wish to express my gratitude for the able assistance Mr. Marston and his personnel extended to the East Feliciana Gas customers. The manner in which your company responded to this emergency situation is truly admirable.

My staff and I look forward to working with you in the future.  
Very truly yours,  
Patrick H. Martin  
Commissioner

Mr. J.T. Meinscher  
Gulf States Utilities  
Lake Charles, La.

Dear Ted:

I would like to express appreciation on behalf of McNeese State University for the assistance your company rendered to our Department of

Military Science in demolishing the rapelling tower adjacent to our athletic complex. Projects of this nature play a key role in the interaction between McNeese and the local community.

Thank you for your assistance to us.

Sincerely,  
Jack V. Doland  
President

Mr. James Mahlmann  
Gulf States Utilities  
Beaumont, Tx. 77704

Dear Mr. Mahlmann,

Conroe Area Vocational School, along with the Vocational-Industrial Clubs of America, would like to thank you for your help and support in the use of your beautiful facilities for the Graphic Arts Skills Contest. The students enjoyed meeting you and had high praise for Gulf States' reproduction department. It is my belief that excellent vocational programs come from this kind of exchange between businesses and schools.

Sincerely,  
Howard Jacobson, Instructor

John W. Conley  
Gulf States Utilities  
Conroe, Texas

Dear Mr. Conley:

At 5:30 p.m., Feb. 11, 1984, a tornado struck Normangee, Texas. The tornado left the town without electricity. By 2 a.m., Feb. 12, 1984, 95 percent of the electricity was restored.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend Tommy Kyle and your people in Madisonville for their conscientious and diligent effort to restore power to the town. They are truly a great asset to your company.  
Sincerely,  
Edward Pattillo

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# Gas service poses unique challenges

Text and Photos by Mike Rodgers

Most of GSU's 500,000 customers know Gulf States as an electric utility, but to over 86,000 customers in the Baton Rouge area, the company supplies natural gas. The Gas Department, organized in 1859 as an independent company, is the oldest of all the predecessors of GSU.

"Our people have the goal of providing the best possible service to our customers," says Floyd Marston, operating superintendent. His 107 employees are responsible for over 1,350 miles of gas mains. It is in the area of customer service that gas department operations differ significantly from electric service operations. "For instance," says Marston, "gas customers can't simply be turned off and on like electric customers. And there's no such thing as load-shedding." Load-shedding is cutting off electricity to compensate for the loss of a transmission line or a

generator. Each residential or commercial gas meter must be turned on individually, and each gas appliance must be turned on one at a time, with the customer there to let the serviceman in. The last major gas outage Marston recalls occurred in 1956 when the supplier lost a line. It happened, ironically, on a cold January morning on Friday the 13th.

It is because of these turn-on and turn-off procedures, and stringent state and federal regulations protecting the public, that gas service employees have much face-to-face contact with customers.

The bone-chilling cold which blanketed the GSU service area in late December put as much of a demand on gas operations as it did on electric service. It caused residential use, which constitutes the bulk of gas service customers, to rise dramatically. "We had to make sure there was an adequate supply of natural gas to



Larry Williams, apprentice, checks out the location of a possible natural gas leak.

all of our customers," notes Marston. The system was closely monitored.

Gulf States buys most of the natural gas from a supplier near Baton Rouge. GSU is always looking for new gas supplies to bring down the cost to customers. "Eight-five percent of our total operating expense goes for the cost of gas," says Marston, "so inexpensive natural gas is very important."

Last October the gas department started an additional money-saving program which is having significant results. Some 75 percent of the cars and trucks used in daily operations now run on either compressed natural gas or gasoline. A switch inside each vehicle allows the driver to operate the engine on either fuel. "We are saving about 40 cents per gallon on gasoline by using compressed natural gas," says Tom McBryde, operating supervisor. "There is a 10 percent loss of power so the engines are a bit sluggish," he points out, "but there are many advantages." Besides saving on the cost of gasoline, McBryde emphasizes that pollution is greatly reduced, engine life is extended, mufflers last longer and fewer oil changes are necessary. Eventually, all gas department vehicles will be converted to run on either fuel.



Wayne Davis, foreman, plugs a compressed natural gas line into a company vehicle.



# GSU holding its own, Murrill tells shareholders

by Susan Gilley

The message that Board Chairman Paul Murrill delivered to the 59th annual shareholders meeting was that GSU continues to hold its own, despite difficult regulatory and economic developments.

During the May 3 session in Edison Plaza, Dr. Murrill described 1983 as a year in which financial performance was good. "Earnings per share were \$2.31 versus \$1.95 in '82, when there were 17 percent fewer shares outstanding," he pointed out. He attributed the increased earnings to rate relief granted late in 1982.

Murrill added, "There's a general strength in the level of (industrial) activity and the level of capacity utilization." He explained that the upturn is mostly due to the U.S. economic recovery.

In answer to a shareholder's question, Murrill indicated that he expects the company's "underlying financial health" to make "a dramatic improvement" once River Bend 1 is on line and in the rate base.

The annual meeting signaled the retirement of board member Dr. Lorene L. Rogers and the election of Gen. Robert H. Barrow as a board member. It also marked the 25th year of board service for Edwin Hiam, an investment adviser from Boston, Mass.

Murrill announced Dr. Rogers' retirement with the comment that, "No one can replace her."

He added, however, that he feels "she is being followed by an individual who is well-qualified to help us meet the challenges of the next few years."

Dr. Rogers, president emeritus of the University of Texas, retired from the GSU board after eight years as a director. Gen. Barrow, who retired as commandant of the Marine Corps last July, has also been retained as a consultant to the company on the off-site emergency plan and the security programs at the River Bend plant. He is a native of West Feliciana Parish, where River Bend is located, and returned there to reside after retiring.

Among Barrow's latest achievements is his January appointment to the Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board by President Reagan.

Stockholders also re-elected the 12 incumbent members of the board.

Other comments made by Murrill included:

— "Certainly, the biggest construction project underway — which represents fuel diversification in a dramatic way — is River Bend..." Calling the 68-month construction schedule "very aggressive," he reasserted that the schedule has not changed.

— "Exxon never flinched from the contract (to provide low-cost natural gas for a 20-year period), but they've enjoyed all of it they want to have."



Dr. Murrill



Gen. Barrow



Dr. Rogers



# Service Award Banquets 1984

## Western Division



**30 Years:** Left to right: Curtis W. Gideon, W.A. Jones, Virgil F. Foster, Roy Smith, Carrol Joe Heaton, John Conley.

## System



Photo by Mike Rodgers

**40 Years:** Left to right: Joseph Donnelly, Amy Dowden, Sally M. Dowden, Norman Lee.



Photo by Mike Rodgers

**30 Years:** Front row, left to right: Joseph Donnelly, Arthur Smith, Betty G. Fontana, Roy L. Hester. Second row: Edward Loggins, William C. Hart, Norman Lee.



Photo by Mike Rodgers

**20 Years:** Front row, left to right: Sandra G. Rogers, Ethel E. Glenn, Katharine S. Amerine. Second row, left to right: Joseph Donnelly, Thomas W. Reeves, Peter C. Charlot, Thomas R. Stirling, Edward Loggins, Benjamin W. Reiser, Norman Lee.



Photo by Mike Rodgers

**10 Years:** Front row, left to right: Roger D. Perry, Deborah P. Null, Mary D. Sam, John E. Holmes. Second row, left to right: William Cahill, Joseph Donnelly, Gary N. Kramer, William J. Reed, Robert L. Husband, Erwin J. Zoch, Norman Lee. Back row, left to right: Mike Sealy, William Weatherford, Edward Loggins.





**20 Years:** Left to right: Herbert F. Eickenhorst, Bobbie T. Burke, Joe K. Nettles, John Conley.

## Beaumont Division



**40 Years:** Left to right: Arden Loughmiller, Alva C. Smythe, Norman Lee.



**10 Years:** Front row, left to right: Susan W. Mayrant, Nina F. Wiley, Thomas H. Koepke, Juan E. Villarreal, Warren W. Watson, John Conley. Back row, left to right: Edgar L. Burwick, Herman E. Snoe, Tommie E. Haley, J.D. Alexander, Lloyd K. Stuart, Mary Ann Hensley.



**30 Years:** Left to right: Arden Loughmiller, Sam J. Turner, L.E. Milliff, Dallas Boullion, M.T. Alford, George Hickman, Norman Lee.



**20 Years:** Left to right: Arden Loughmiller, Carrol W. Walton, Norman Lee.



**10 Years:** Left to right: Arden Loughmiller, Carl D. Gibbins Jr., Edward K. Osborne, George K. DuBose, Alfred W. Pierson, Norman Lee.



# RETIREE UPDATE



Marquette accepts plaque from Donald Strickland.

## Credit union treasurer retires

Philip Marquette, senior district service representative in Port Allen, was the honored guest at a retirement supper held in March by the BRECO Credit Union. Marquette, who served as treasurer of the credit union for 17 years, is retiring from Gulf States after nearly 43 years. BRECO Credit Union President Donald Strickland presented Marquette with a plaque for his outstanding service.



Dennis Bourg, Cleona Bourg, Floyd Marston, operating superintendent-gas department.

## Friends honor Baton Rouge retiree

Dennis Bourg, meterman-1st class in the Baton Rouge Gas Department, retired after 32 accident-free years with Gulf States. Some 85 friends held a retirement party for Bourg in February. His wife, Cleona, and

children, Dennis Jr., James, Ann and Leslie, also attended. Bourg was presented with a safety award for his 32 years without a lost-time accident, and an I.B.E.W. pin. Cleona Bourg received an envelope for her 32 years of support.

## Family spans three generations at Gulf States



W.J. Petzolt, Bobby Singletary, R.T. Singletary.

Working for GSU is a tradition in the W.J. Petzolt family. Petzolt retired in June 1968 after 24 years of service. He was a truckdriver in the substation department in Navasota. Son-in-law R.T. Singletary, serviceman-1st class in Cleveland, will complete 34 years this year, while grandson Bobby Singletary is marking his fourth year as a T&D engineer in Conroe. Not pictured is another family member, E.L. Singletary, R.T.'s brother, district superintendent in Madisonville, who completes 35 years with the company this year.

## Retired manager dies in Beaumont

Clyde P. "Jack" Shirey, 77, of Beaumont died March 12 at his home.

Shirey, who spent 30 of his 44 years with Gulf States in the field of industrial safety, retired in 1971 as training and safety manager.

Services were held in Beaumont March 14.

During his career, Shirey received several honors for his safety achievements. Among them were distinguished safety awards from both the Texas Safety Association and the Southwest Electric Safety Exchange, which he helped organize. He was also recognized as the originator of required safety head wear for electrical line work.

A native of Marshall County, Ala., Shirey attended the University of Alabama and completed the Public Utility Executive Program at Georgia Tech.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie, of Beaumont; two sons, Stewart Jackson Shirey and John Kennedy Shirey, both of Raleigh, N.C.; a sister, Mrs. J.M. Piper of Tallahassee, Ala.; and five grandchildren.

## Deaths listed:

Bradley "Brad" McMasters, 77, of Jennings, La., died Feb. 13 at his home.

McMasters, a native of Washington, Pa., worked for Gulf States for 40 years, retiring in 1968 when he was district superintendent. Services were held Feb. 15 in Jennings.

Burial was in Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Beaumont. Survivors include two sisters, Catherine and Helen McMasters, both of Beaumont.

Frank LeMire, 58, of Beaumont died March 22 in St. Elizabeth Hospital.

The Port Arthur native was supervisor-system credit and collections for Gulf States at the time of his death. Services were held March 25 in Beaumont, with burial in Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

Survivors include his wife, Wilma LeMire of Beaumont; two sons, David LeMire of Irving and Robert LeMire of College Station; and two daughters, Mary LeMire of Dallas and Jeanne LeMire of Beaumont.



# Sees 'continuous thread' at GSU

by Susan Gilley

Times have changed, but James H. "Jim" Derr sees "a continuous thread" running through the GSU he has known for the past 44 years.

"Back in 1940, the idea was to provide service at the lowest price with reliability. It's the same today," says Derr, vice president-power plant engineering and design, who retires June 1.

"Even though we're a regulated industry," continues Derr, "I can think of many GSUers who worked long hours because they felt an obligation as individual employees. They were motivated by a desire for excellence."

Of course, times have changed the company, Derr admits.

"One evident change is that GSU is much larger now than it was when I first came in 1940," recalls the Tremont, Pa., native. Further, the company is affected "by so many external factors now."

Derr's career began in 1940 at Louisiana Station following his graduation from the Williamson Trade School in Media, Pa., where he studied power plant operations. He was in the service from November 1941 until January 1943, when he resumed his GSU career.

Over the years, he worked at four power plants — Louisiana, Sabine, Riverside and Nelson — in such posts as test engineer, assistant to the plant superintendent, test supervisor and maintenance supervisor. He also held posts at GSU headquarters, including construction engineer and superintendent of plant construction.

Derr offers a little advice for ambitious new employees. "Become as familiar as possible — and dedicated — to your area, but broaden your interests to



*Jim Derr recalls 44 years at GSU.*

become knowledgeable about other facets of the company."

Derr adds, "I feel strongly that no matter what job you have, you should never lose consideration for fellow employees. To a reasonable degree, consider their individual wants and desires. In return, people will produce and be very good employees."

Shortly after June 1, Derr plans "to get some kind of part-time job. I want a minimum of employment, but nothing that's too restrictive." Because he and his wife, Joyce, plan to travel — perhaps to Germany and England — he hopes "to be able to pick up and leave whenever I'm ready."

Derr's job hunt stems from his belief that, "To have a successful retirement, you have to have some sort of goal."

Once he's gone from Edison Plaza, Derr will save memories of those who helped make his years at GSU good ones. They include F.A. Wilson, who was his first boss in 1940 and then supervised him again in Beaumont in 1965; the late W.B. Gurney, who worked with him at the various plants; and the late L.R. Eddins, a superintendent at Riverside.

From his days at Nelson Station, Derr remembers Cedric

Watler, Jim Meitzen, Bob Guidry, John Graves and a host of others as "a group of people who were dedicated during the start-up" of the plant.

The years at GSU were not without a little romance. After all, Derr met his wife through the maneuverings of a Louisiana Station friend, Cyril Dominguez. Joyce, a Memphis, Tenn., native whose stepfather also worked at the plant, agreed to Dominguez's request that she accompany Derr to a dance. The couple hit it off, and their marriage has endured 40 years. About three years ago, Mrs. Derr audited some courses at Lamar University, including one that focused on marriage. Not surprisingly, she was the longest-wed student in the class. Derr chuckles when he recalls that one young man looked at his wife in disbelief and asked, "How can you live with the same man for so long?"

In addition to overseas travel, the Derrs plan to visit family members, including two sons and one granddaughter in San Antonio and one son and one granddaughter in Bay City.

Derr's mother, now 86, and five of his brothers and sisters, all of whom still live in Pennsylvania, will hold a family get-together in that state July 8.



# GSU walks for the March of Dimes

by Mike Rodgers

Once again, Gulf Staters showed their enthusiasm and turned out in force for the March of Dimes WalkAmerica. More than 800 employees and family members laced up their walking shoes the weekend of April 28-29 and set off on a long trek to raise money in the fight against birth defects. The money supports research, medical services and education in the effort to assure newborns a healthy start in life.

No company-wide pledge total was available since Lake Charles Division scheduled its walk May 12, after presstime:

- Baton Rouge: According to Richard East, 500 employees set off on a 12.4-mile walk that started and ended at the state capitol building. Employees were backed by pledges of \$20,000.
- Western Division: According to John Adams, GSU's 52 walkers journeyed 12 miles in the rain for a walk that started and ended at McCullough High School in The Woodlands. Pledges totaled \$4,200.
- Beaumont-Port Arthur: According to Joe Victorian, 452 employees hiked the 10 miles that started and ended at Parkdale Mall. Pledges added up to \$20,000.



*Les Jones, Beaumont Service Center*



*Debra and Emmitt McAdams and family, Zachary*



*Andy and Bess Rodriguez, Conroe*





*Beaumont-Port Arthur Division walkers*

Photo by Les Jones



Photo by Carol Payne

*Durlen Shelly, Woodlands*



Photo by Donna Fancher

*In Baton Rouge, Harriet Babin and Carol Cronin work the registration table while Carol's husband, Ed, looks on.*



Photo by Cliff Johnson

*Lloyd Engler, Gonzales*



Photo by Carol Payne



Photo by Les Jones

*Beaumont-Port Arthur Division employees*





GSU Board Chairman Paul Murrill and President Norman Lee (wearing suits, from right) accepted certificate from (from left) Botley, Calder, Gillentine, Sandlin, Cole and Ford.

## Department of Defense cites Gulf States

Gulf States was recently presented a certificate of appreciation by the Department of Defense in its new employer support awards program. The certificate was presented by Col. Les Calder, commander of the 4161st United States Army Reserve School in Beaumont. Calder is senior power interconnections engineer, based in Edison Plaza.

Calder told Board Chairman Paul Murrill and President Norman Lee, "We, the members of the National Guard and Reserve, show by our voluntary service our belief in and dedication to a free society and our country and in particular its defense . . . Without Gulf States' support, the position of the many Gulf States employees who are also in the Guard and Reserve would be most difficult."

Others attending the brief ceremony included Lt. Col.

Lorenzo Cole, commander of the 147th Combat Support Squadron and GSU's manager-EEO; Lt. Col. Charles Ford, commander of the 273rd Electronics Installation (not a GSU employee); Sgt. 1st Class B. J. Gillentine, section head-construction; 1st Lt. Gayle Botley, staff accountant I; and Master Sgt. Earl Sandlin, relay design supervisor.

## Gillespie wins \$50 for suggestion

Roger Gillespie, T&D engineer, Baton Rouge, is \$50 richer thanks to an idea he submitted to the Employee Suggestion Program. Noting that road vibration often causes sodium and mercury vapor lamps to crack or break, he suggested that vibration dampers be placed between the concrete and the base of the lighting standard.

Gillespie said the measure would save time, money and materials, eliminate waste and help to assure the safety of GSU employees and the public.

## Dreher designates salary increase to scholarship

A River Bend Station employee, who also serves as a West Feliciana Parish school board member, recently established a special scholarship fund, reports Joan Middlebrooks, administrative secretary.

Andy Dreher, nuclear site communications coordinator, set up the fund as an expression of his opposition to a salary increase for school board members. His \$150-per-month pay raise for the elected position goes to the new fund, which is named in honor of his grandmother, the late Lorena Dreher. According to Middlebrooks, the scholarship will total \$1,800 per year and will be used to assist college students.

However, donations to the scholarship fund will be accepted and may be sent to:

The Lorena Dreher  
Scholarship Fund  
P. O. Box 992  
St. Francisville, La. 70775.



Roger Gillespie, T&D engineer.



# Bubble Boy parents say thanks

by Mike Rodgers

David, the 12-year-old known to millions of Americans as "Houston's Bubble Boy," died last February after losing his life-long struggle with a rare disease which left his body without an immune system.

David's family, whose anonymity is still being protected, are residents of south Montgomery County and are Gulf States customers. Because of David's very special medical needs, GSU placed the family on a list of critical customers to be notified in the event of a prolonged power outage. This is standard procedure for anyone on life-sustaining equipment, and gives them time to locate emergency medical aid. If necessary, the company can on occasion make portable generators available during planned outages.

**"The same unselfish dedication is also true for the men and women of Gulf States Utilities..."**

In March, David's family wrote an open letter of thanks to the thousands of people who gave their love to David. Excerpts of that letter are reprinted here with permission of Tom Bacon, editor of *The Courier* (Montgomery County, Texas):

**"Dear Friends:**

Many of you we know personally; hundreds of others we have never met. But the warmth of your friendship and the sincerity of your expressions and kindness during the life of our beloved son David have bound us together.

We wish to express our deepest and heart-felt gratitude to each and every one of you for the countless ways in which you responded to our circumstances...

To the volunteers of the Shenandoah, Needham and The



David

Woodlands Fire Departments we give particular praise and gratitude for your quick and tireless response to David's needs during storms and power failures, and for your constant vigil while we were without electricity.

The same unselfish dedication is also true for the men and women of Gulf States Utilities...

To the thousands who sent letters of support and encouragement and who remembered David in your prayers, we shall be ever grateful...

You are all responsible for David's well-being, sense of dignity and the enhancement of our lives. He developed into a loving, sensitive young man. And through your demonstration of love to David and to his family this past twelve years, you allowed him to truly feel like a member of the community and not 'the boy in the bubble.' God Bless each of you, David's family, David, Carol and Katherine"

Photo courtesy Montgomery County Courier.



# Service Award Banquets 1984

## Baton Rouge Division

**30 Years:** Lester Clouatre, J.D. Conlee, Robert Easley, James Gremillion, Charles Harris, Oscar Hills, John Kleinpeter, Randy LeJeune, Joe Locke, Charlie Martin, Charles Naquin, Nick Parrino, Dell Vavasseur, Gene Whitehead, Summa Stelly.

## Port Arthur Division



**40 Years:** Loraine Dunham.



**30 Years:** Front row, left to right: Audrey Cundiff, Martha C. Andrews. Back row, left to right: James Sparks, Scuddy Thibodeaux, William H. Foster, James Fernandez.



**20 Years:** Seated: Kathleen M. Fuller.  
Standing: Richard A. Joffrion.



**10 Years:** Seated: Glenda G. Pruett.  
Standing, left to right: Robert C. Lee, Charles Mosley.





**20 Years:** Left to right: Summa Stelly, Don Hamilton, Jerry Ball, Joseph Mayfield, Stephen Blair, Raymond Vice.

# Lake Charles Division



40 Years: *Jeanne B. Johnson.*

**10 Years:** Van Addison, Joey Albert, Ken Bourque, Joe Burton, Mike Cormier, Wallace Day, Myrna Hargrove, Curtis Hart, Regionald Hayes, Cherryl Johnson, Lonnie Kettl, Semmie Martin, John McNabb, Polo Mouton, James Pitts, Georgia Rice, Raymond Smiles, Rodney Sparks, Charles Upton, Willie Williams, Karen Yates, Summa Stelly, William Cahill.



**30 Years:** From left to right: Harry Guidry, Shelton J. Trahan, Albert J. Boudreaux.



**20 Years:** *From left to right: Calvin J. Jaetzold, Gloria S. Hebert.*



**10 Years:** Front row, from left to right: Marilyn Guidry, Joseph M. Veillon, Oddie Powell, Murline Bellard. Back row, from left to right: Louis W. Gautreaux, Thomas I. Gore, Elisha Wattly, Henry Welch, Carlton Cormier.





*Shannon GaJeske has a kiss for a friend.*

## Child observes third birthday

Three-year-old Adam Wiley celebrated his birthday with a kiss from Shannon GaJeske. Adam is the son of Tom and Nina Wiley. His mom is a substation clerk in Conroe. Shannon is the daughter of Bob GaJeske, building and grounds technician, and Darlene GaJeske, departmental clerk-garage, Conroe.



*Laci Lucas*

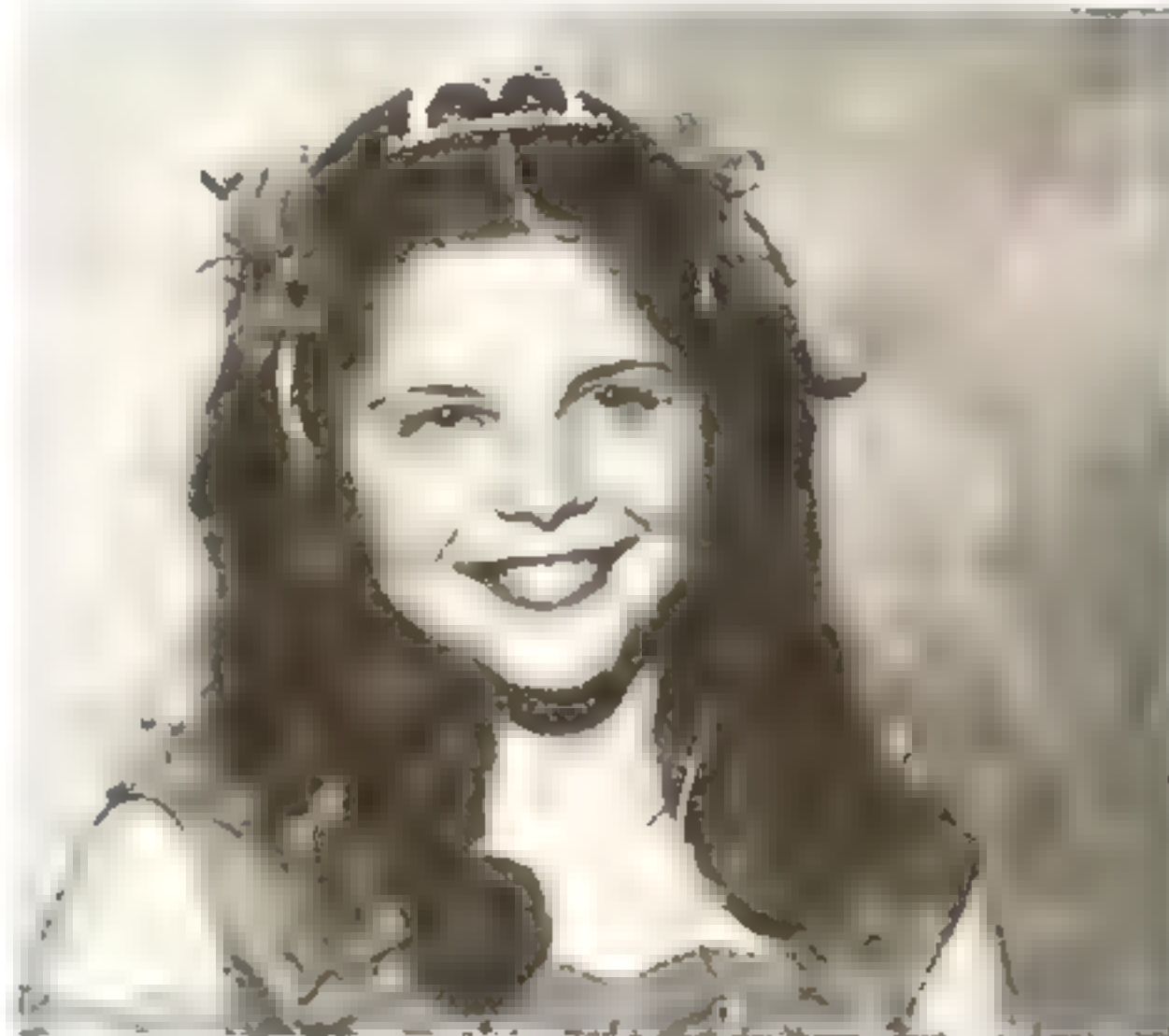
## Lucas, LeBert win titles

The daughters of two GSU families placed in the recent Miss China Pageant in China, Texas. Three-year-old Laci Lucas was crowned "Petite Miss China." She is the granddaughter of Tom

Whiddon, Executive Department, Beaumont.

The title "Little Miss China" went to 9-year-old Rachel LeBert, daughter of Betty LeBert, section head, Beaumont. Rachel's father, Robert, is a serviceman-1st class in Sour Lake.

Laci Lucas is the daughter of Carlos and Lisa Lucas of China. She has a brother, 1-year-old Tommy.



*Rachel LeBert*

## Granddaughter joins Masters' family

Janet Michelle Masters arrived Dec. 31, weighing 6 pounds, 1/2 ounce. The little girl is the daughter of Bill and Betty Masters of Cleveland and the granddaughter of Bennie and Euma Masters of Corrigan and James and Ara Wilkerson of Lufkin. The elder Masters is a district serviceman-1st class in Corrigan.



*David Keith Thibodeaux and Kimberly Renee Thibodeaux.*

## Twins' arrival surprises Thibodeaux family

Danny Thibodeaux, substation mechanic-2nd class, and his wife, Cindy, are the shocked and very proud parents of twins, David Keith and Kimberly Renee, born Feb. 24. David Keith weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces, while Kimberly Renee weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces. Their father works in Lake Charles.



*Cathy Wielgus (right) pins a corsage on husband Paul.*

## Father-to-be given shower

Paul Wielgus, coordinator-coal planning & economic development, was given a baby shower by co-workers. Friends in the fuel services department presented Wielgus with a number of gifts, including a high chair.





*Loggins holds grandson Cory.*

## Loggins welcomes first grandchild

Edwards Loggins, executive vice president-administrative and technical services, proudly holds Cory Christopher, his first grandchild, born Dec. 8, 1983. The boy weighed 9 pounds, 14 ounces at birth. The parents are Donnie and Martha Christopher.



*Marianne Deka and Alan Karlak*

## Party honors employee transfer

Friends and co-workers said farewell to Marianne Deka and Alan Karlak at the Beaumont Service Center in March. Marianne, engineering department stenographer, transferred to the real estate department in Edison Plaza, while Alan, an electrical engineer, will be training system operators to use the supervisory control and data acquisition computer system at the Liberty-Pearl complex.

## Grandpa announces family member

James C. "Jim" West Jr., a merit roll craftsman in Groveton, announces the birth of his grandson, James Burton Wars. The infant was born Dec. 12 to John and Kathy Wars of Glendale. According to West and his wife Ada, the boy weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces at birth.



## Baby joins Bushnell family

Mr. and Mrs. Raymus Bushnell announce the birth of their first child, Samantha Clarice, born Feb. 16, 1984. Samantha weighed 4 pounds, 12 ounces. Samantha's father is a repairman-2nd class at Roy S. Nelson Gas & Oil. Her uncle, Ernest D. Hardy, is a repairman-1st class, also at Roy S. Nelson Gas & Oil.



*Raymus Bushnell, baby Samantha, Josephine Bushnell.*



*Valerie, Tina and Lee Buller.*

## Baby Buller arrives 1st

Little Valerie Marie Buller was the first arrival of the year at Moosa Memorial Hospital in Eunice. The infant won the First Baby Contest by arriving at 2:27 a.m. Jan. 2, weighing 7 pounds, 1½ ounces and measuring 20¼ inches. Her parents are Lee and Tina Buller of Elton. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donovan McCoy Sr., also of Elton. McCoy is a district serviceman-1st class for GSU in Elton.



## Heather Brittany makes appearance

Heather Brittany Jones made her appearance Dec. 12, 1983, as the first child of Phil and Karla Jones. She weighed 8 pounds, 2¾ ounces at birth. Heather's mother is a senior stenographer in Risk Management, Edison Plaza.



# SERVICE AWARDS

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years**



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Electric T&D  
Beaumont

**30  
years**



**Gene E. Brown**  
Div. Operations  
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Beaumont



**Basil B. Jackson**  
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Beaumont

**20  
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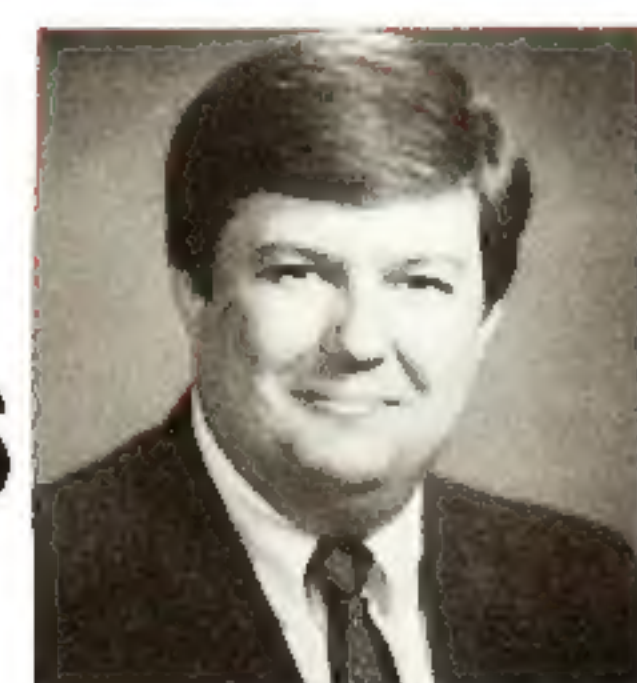


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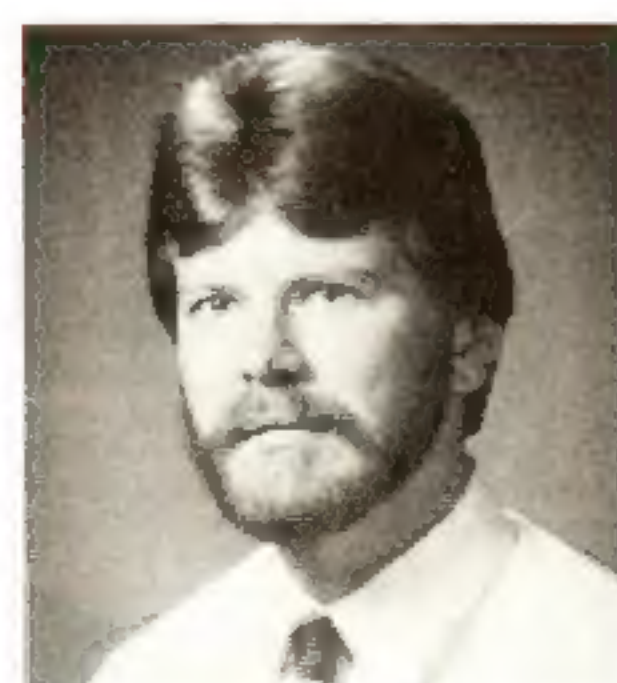


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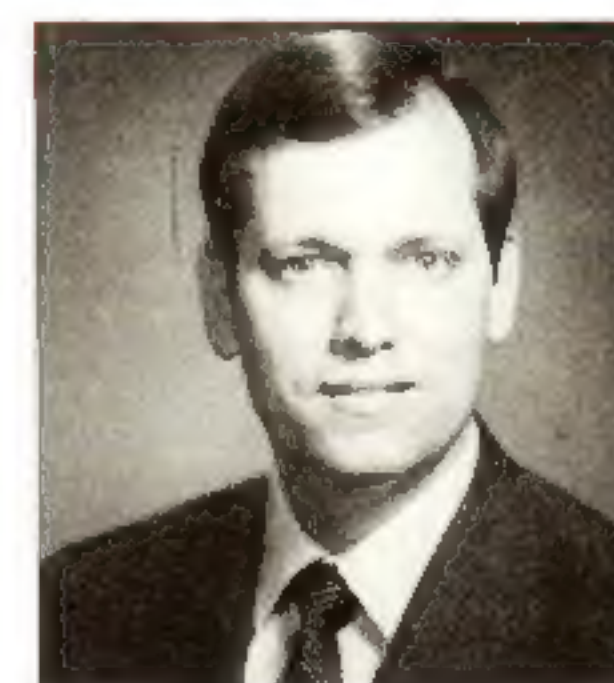
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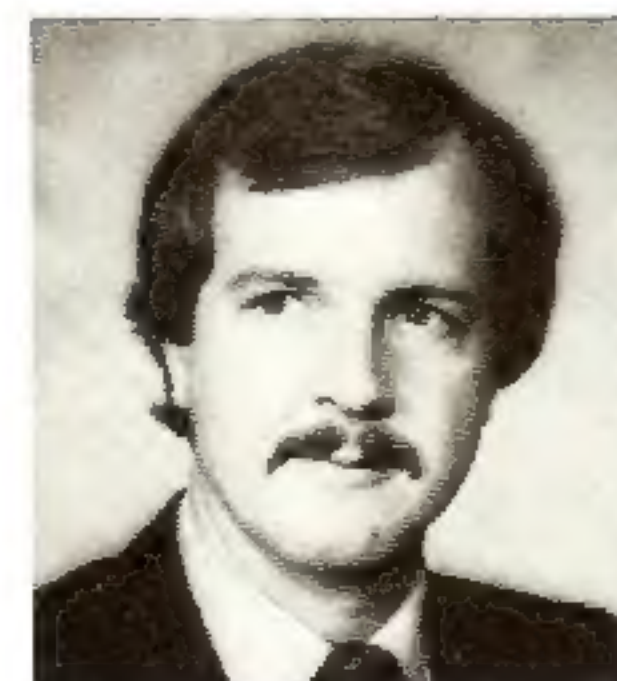
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Lake Charles



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Beaumont



**Franz Von Netzer**  
Sys. Production  
Beaumont



# ON THE MOVE

## A

**Adams, Robert M.**, Beaumont, to audiovisual support specialist, Human Resources.

**Adams, Rodney E.**, Port Arthur, to test technician-1st class, Plant Production.

**Audilet, Raymond L.**, formerly of Beaumont Computer Applications, to supervisor-cost engineering, Beaumont River Bend Nuclear Group.

## B

**Bankston, Michael S.**, River Bend Station, to radiation protection-2nd class, Plant Production.

**Best, Royce A.**, Woodville, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.

**Blair, Ramon, Jennings**, to lineman-1st class, Electric T&D.

**Brame, Michael A.**, Conroe, to building & grounds maintenance man, Electric T&D.

**Broussard, Peter A.**, formerly of Lake Charles Division Marketing and Consumer Services, to engineer, Lake Charles T&D Engineering.

**Brown, Daniel L.**, Gonzales, to lineman-3rd class, Electric T&D.

**Brown, John W.**, Baton Rouge, to relayman-1st class, Electric T&D.

**Brushaber, Jeffrey F.**, Beaumont, to utility man, Electric T&D.

**Burch, Raymond L.**, Nelson Coal, to maintenance foreman, Plant Production.

## C

**Carroll, Mary F.**, Beaumont, to senior stenographer, Corporate Services.

**Casey, Timothy G.**, Conroe, to repairman-2nd class, Plant Production.

**Cowan, Patrick P.**, Willow Glen, to electrician-1st class, Plant Production.

**Cross, Marion B.**, formerly of Lake Charles T&D Engineering, to industrial engineer, Lake Charles Division Marketing and Consumer Services.

## D

**Driver, Darryl R.**, New Caney, to lineman-3rd class, Electric T&D.

**Dunkleberger, Todd B.**, Beaumont, to staff auditor I, Internal Audits.

## F

**Frige, Carl**, formerly of Lake Charles Division Accounting, staff accountant I, transferred to Sulphur Division Accounting.

## G

**Gibbs, Lloyd K.**, Nelson Coal, to repairman-3rd class, Plant Production.

**Gross, Michael L.**, Beaumont, to repairman-1st class, Plant Production.

**Guidroz, Darrell A.**, Beaumont, to director-recruiting, planning & administration, Human Resources.

## H

**Harrison, Joseph Jr.**, Port Arthur, to repairman-2nd class, Plant Production.

**Heiman, Jeffrey S.**, Beaumont, to senior engineering assistant, Plant Production.

**Hill, Darius W.**, Baton Rouge, to substation mechanic-2nd class, Electric T&D.

**Hoefs, Richard A.**, Beaumont, to systems analyst, Computer Applications.

**Holladay, Reynelle D.**, Baton Rouge, to customer contact clerk, Division Accounting.

**Hollier, Jean L.**, Lafayette, to serviceman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

**Howell, Randy N.**, River Bend Station, to shift supervisor, River Bend Nuclear Group.

**Humphrey, Mark W.**, Huntsville, to serviceman-1st class, Electric T&D.

**Hurlburt, Sonja J.**, Beaumont, to electrician-2nd class, Plant Production.

## J

**Jack, Lenwood L.**, Nelson Coal, to repairman-2nd class, Plant Production.

**James, Dane A.**, Port Arthur, to substation mechanic-3rd class, Electric T&D.

## K

**Kunefke, Bobby W.**, Port Arthur, to repairman-2nd class, Plant Production.

## L

**Linville, David A.**, Beaumont, to senior loss prevention engineer, General Services.

## M

**Murdock, Michael L.**, Beaumont, to relayman-3rd class, Engineering Design.

## N

**Navarre, Charles E. Jr.**, Beaumont, to utility worker-II, Office Services.

**Nelson, Linda A.**, formerly of Baton Rouge Division, coordinator-office systems, transferred to Baton Rouge T&D Operations.

## O

**Oden, James M.**, Lake Charles, to substation mechanic-2nd class, Electric T&D.

## P

**Parks, Robert D.**, Nelson Coal, to mechanic helper, Plant Production.

**Patterson, John G.**, Nelson Station, to electrician-1st class, Plant Production.

**Pitre, Hester W.**, Nelson Station, to test technician-2nd class, Plant Production.

## R

**Robillard, Daniel J.**, Louisiana Station, to repairman-2nd class, Plant Production.

**Ross, Marcia F.**, formerly of Nelson Station, to accountant, Beaumont System Production.

## S

**Severson, Russell J.**, Port Arthur, to utility worker-II, Plant Production.

**Simmons, Kenneth P.**, Beaumont, to relayman-2nd class, Engineering Design.

**Singleton, Warren D.**, Oak Ridge, to apprentice, Electric T&D.

**Smith, Robert E.**, Port Arthur, to electrician-3rd class, Plant Production.

**Sonnier, Kenneth J.**, Nelson Station, to repairman-2nd class, Plant Production.

**St. Julien, Jason**, Orange, to meterman-1st class, Electric T&D.

## T

**Teckel, Jerome P.**, Baton Rouge, to garage mechanic-2nd class, Electric T&D.

**Terry, Eugene J.**, Jennings, to apprentice, Electric T&D.

**Thibodeaux, Daniel J.**, Lake Charles, to substation mechanic-2nd class, Electric T&D.

**Tholborn, Richard E.**, Baton Rouge, to apprentice, Electric T&D.

**Turner, James A.**, Beaumont, to systems analyst, Computer Applications.

## V

**Vincent, Chester J.**, formerly of Sulphur, staff accountant I, transferred to Lake Charles Division Accounting.

## W

**Webb, Ronald G.**, Port Arthur, to repairman-2nd class, Plant Production.

**Whitfield, Larry W.**, Baton Rouge, to lineman-1st class, Electric T&D.

**Williams, Larry J.**, Nelson Coal, to utility worker-II, Plant Production.

**Wilson, Arthur**, Louisiana Station, to painter-production, Plant Production.

## Z

**Zerangue, Yvonne**, Baton Rouge, to customer contact clerk, Division Accounting.



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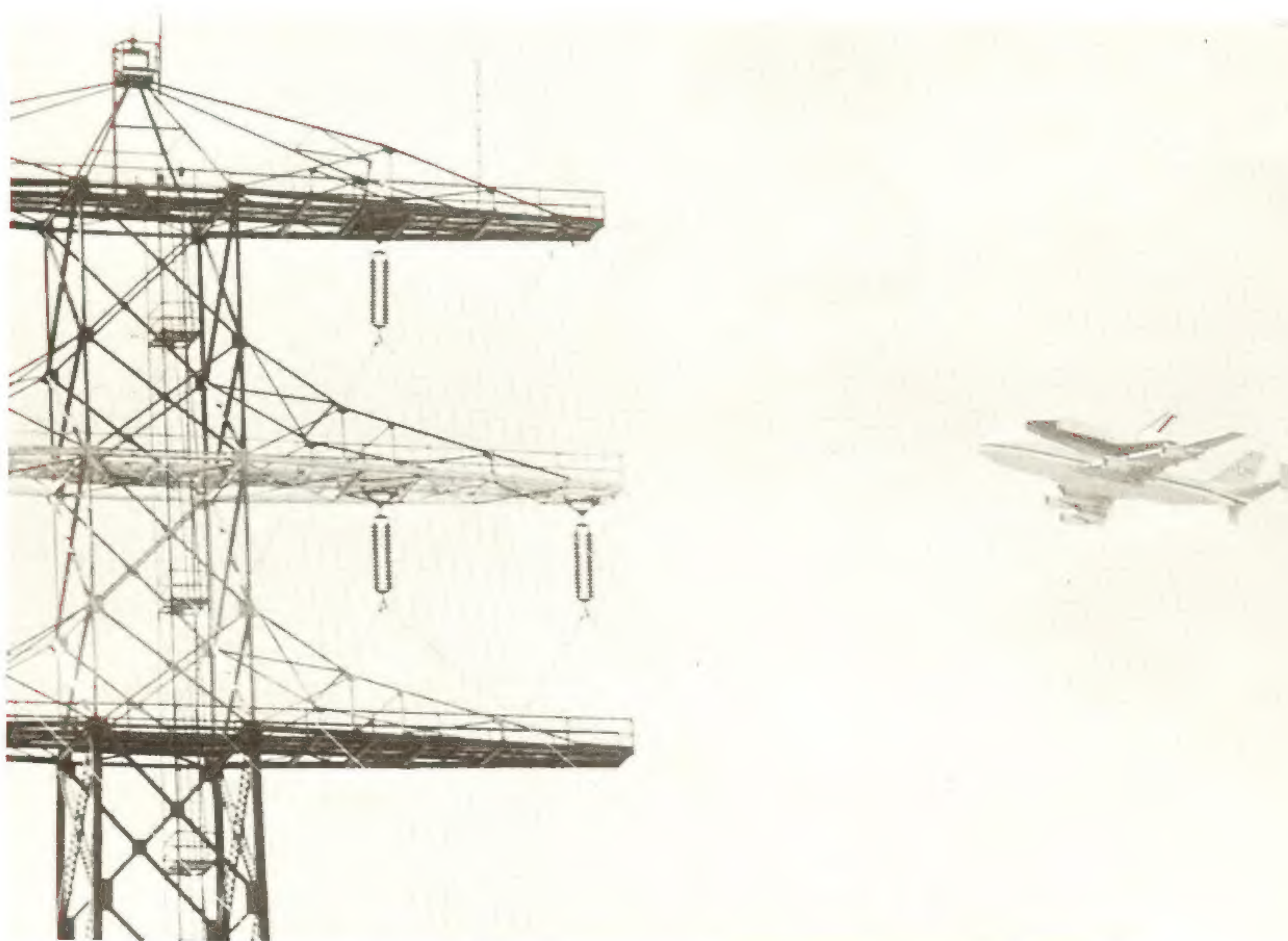


Photo by Dave Thornhill

## Space shuttle over Louisiana Station

On March 29, Dave Thornhill, test technician-first class, snapped this picture of the space shuttle Enterprise riding atop a 747 jumbo jet. The shuttle was on one leg of a journey that took it to the 1984 World's Fair in New Orleans for public display. Reflecting

on his experience, Thornhill says: "You can look at it on TV and see it in magazines, but there's nothing like seeing it floating over your head."

For photography fans, Thornhill used an 80x200mm telephoto lens with Tri-X film.